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Elba Police make arrest Monday, June 15, on several vandalism incidents

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A vandal hit the streets of Elba during the early pre-dawn hours of Monday, June 15, and left a path of destruction at several businesses/buildings. Elba Police were able to make an arrest before the day was over.

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey said his department began getting calls of the vandalism prior to 5 a.m. Monday morning, and officers immediately went to work trying to put all the pieces together. Video images captured by cameras at the Coffee County Water Authority, one of the businesses victimized by the vandal, helped lead Elba officers and investigators to determine a person of interest for the crimes.

Hussey said the old Pea River Timber building, located on Davis Street in Elba next to the entrance of National Security, was one of the places damaged dur-



Mathew Horace Jones

ing this small crime spree. He said glass was busted in the doors of the building, which allowed the suspect to gain entry. Inside the building, Hussey said the suspect allegedly pour gas out onto the floor and set electrical heaters in front of the gas.

Chief Hussey said it appeared the intent was to burn this building. Fortunately, he said it did not come to fruition.

Down the road from this building, the Coffee County Water Authority (CCWA) building appeared to be the

next target for the vandalism. At this location, Chief Hussey said the suspect(s) were captured by camera rolling a forklift from the building. Soon thereafter, he said the forklift is seen running with no operator on it and headed directly towards the building.

Hussey said the forklift hit the building and the force of that contact seemingly caused the forklift to flip over on its side. Additional damages were caused by the impact of the forklift to the building.

Also Monday morning, the owner of Unique Boutique, located on Buford Street in downtown Elba, reported that the backside of her building had been spray painted by a vandal.

Chief Hussey said the suspect could consequently also be charged with this crime as well as an incident of damage to the former

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Photo provided by CCWA employees

This forklift at the Coffee County Water Authority building, located on Davis Street in Elba, allegedly was started, accelerated somehow causing it to run into the building and flip the forklift on its side. The collision to the building caused additional damages to property. Elba Police said the suspect confessed to this crime and others.

Hataway says it has been a blessing to work for the Coffee County School System for over 40-plus years

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A staple of the Coffee County Board of Education office recently decided that four decades on the job was enough to call it a career and turn in those retirement papers.

Longtime superintendent's secretary Donna Hataway will "officially" retire at the end of June after 41 1/2 years at the office. She was honored June 4th at the board of education office with a retirement reception.

During the board of education meeting prior to that reception, current board members expressed their appreciation for Hataway. All had basically the same message - "Donna Hataway has always been a constant professional."

Board vice chairman Galen McWaters said it had always been a pleasure to work with Hataway, and he did not know how the board and office would continue on without her.

"Donna has made it a pleasure to be a board member," Larry Eddins said.

Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth is the eighth superintendent Hataway has worked with since she joined the board of education office back in 1979.

"She is a great person," Killingsworth said. "Mrs. Donna always has a great attitude. She is a wealth of knowledge when it comes to being the superintendent's secretary."

Killingsworth said he would miss her greatly, but that he had convinced her to stay close to the phone a while longer just



Donna Hataway

in case he had a question. He said his training wheels were coming off with Hataway's retirement, but he felt confident that she would still be available to guide him through if something came up even after she retires.

For Hataway, she said a four-decade career at one place speaks volumes for that office.

"I have been blessed to work with people that are friends, both bosses and co-workers," Hataway said. "I don't consider

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ADPH reinforces safer at home recommendations

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) cautions the public that the risk of contracting the novel coronavirus COVID-19 remains.

More than 800 cases were reported Thursday, June 11. This was followed by over 1,000 new cases on Friday, June 12; over 900 cases on Saturday, June 13; and over 800 cases on Sunday, June 14th. With ongoing community transmission, it is safer to be at home, officials said.

More than 750 Alabama residents have died from the novel coronavirus COVID-19, more than 2,000 have been hospitalized with the virus, and about 22,000 have had confirmed positive cases.

State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris said, "COVID-19 spreads quickly, and your actions affect others. More than ever since the pandemic began, we need people to social distance, wear face coverings in pub-

lic, and practice good respiratory hygiene."

Measures needed to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 are as follows:

- Cover coughs and sneezes, do not touch your face, and wash hands often.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick, even inside your home.

- Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from others not in your household.

- Use cloth face coverings when in public.

- Clean and disinfect frequently used items and touched surfaces often.

Any person can contract COVID-19, but certain people are more at risk including:

- People who are close contacts of someone known to have COVID-19, for example healthcare workers, or household members.

- Persons over 65 years of age and those with serious health conditions — heart disease, diabetes, lung disease, HIV, any condition

that affects the immune system, persons with body mass index over 40, persons with liver disease, persons who live in long-term care.

Alabama has experienced outbreaks at the workplace, long-term care facilities, and as a result of large gatherings, such as those occurring during the Memorial Day holiday. Although an estimated 13,500 Alabamians are presumed to have recovered from COVID-19, too many people have experienced short- and long-term complications.

ADPH reminds the public that their own behavior is crucial to stay healthy and to protect their family and community. For more information, go to alabamapublichealth.gov.

The Elba Farmers Market will be open Saturday, June 20, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. It is located on the Hwy 203 Bypass in Elba.

JJ's BBQ a finalist for "Bama's Best Pulled Pork"

The Alabama Pork Producers smoked out four finalists in its Bama's Best Pulled Pork contest and announced those finalists earlier this week to include an Elba, Alabama restaurant.

The finalists included Heard's BBQ in Maplesville in Chilton County, JJ's BBQ in Elba in Coffee County, The Pink Pig in Moulton in Lawrence County and Holy Smoke BBQ in Hartselle in Morgan County.

"God is so good!" said JJ's BBQ owner and operator Chequita Walker. "I am forever grateful and honored to be in the top four picks. Thanks to all that voted for JJ's BBQ!"

Alabama Farmers Federation Pork Division Director Russ Durrance said he was amazed by fan participation in the competition. Over 2,000 votes were cast via Facebook for over 100 restaurants aiming to claim the Bama's Best Pulled Pork title.

"As Alabama recovers from the COVID-19 pan-



► Heard's BBQ in Maplesville

► JJ's BBQ in Elba

► The Pink Pig in Moulton

► Holy Smoke BBQ in Hartselle

demic, it's encouraging to see communities rally around their local restaurants and the folks who run them," Durrance said. "We not only want to promote good-tasting barbecue through Bama's Best Pulled Pork; we want to support the pitmasters who work every day to serve up tasty dishes."

Judges will visit the Bama's Best Pulled Pork Final Four in July, where they'll sample menu items and talk shop with restaurant owners and cooks. Judges include Durrance,

pig farmer Daniel Tubbs of Walker County and "Simply Southern TV" host Mary Wilson.

The Bama's Best Pulled Pork winner receives a cash prize, plaque, feature story in Neighbors magazine and bragging rights.

"I pray we continue to serve great BBQ for many years!" Walker said of Elba's JJ's BBQ.

The Alabama Pork Producers is a division of the Alabama Farmers Federation, the state's largest farm organization with over 350,000 member families.



ELBA FOOTBALL WORKOUTS RUNNING WELL...The Elba Tigers recently hit the practice field and weight room for summer workouts, after COVID-19 safety measures were lifted to allow for workouts to begin around the state. The Tigers, under leadership of new head football coach Marc Sieving (shown above) are hard at work getting in shape for the upcoming season, and learning new techniques Sieving brings to Elba. Also, as COVID-19 remains a threat in Alabama, the coaches and players are doing their part to stay safe by utilizing face masks whenever possible. More photos on Page 6.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality . . . I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word." – Martin Luther King, Jr.

A younger sister has a granddaughter that has stolen our heart. We like all children - period, but some do little things that touch our hearts the most. This one is a couple of years old and as an only child, her parents spend lots of time with her, oh and she is probably spoiled. However, they share cute pictures on a regular basis and so it is all OK with this ole moss-back. Last week we got a snapshot of her sitting in the kitchen engrossed in 'reading' a book. Our whole body felt flushed seeing a young child with intense interest in her 'reading'. If our memory cells are working correctly, the experts advocate early exposure to reading and that early childhood development puts a child a step ahead throughout life. We hope for this



little one it is true. But then we believe her mother's college major was some sort of 'childhood development' stuff so she must believe in the benefits as well.

The ID of the other party in this recent exchange shall forever be our secret, to prevent any additional embarrassment to said other party. We received a phone call that this person had paid an annual Elba Clipper subscription online through a bank's system. However, said party had just realized the check was actually keyed into the system as a \$1,000 check to The Elba Clipper. Sure enough, our morning mail Monday contained that eye-popping subscription payment. Now, we have the money to take our grandson on that trip to the rain forest he so badly wants to see firsthand! Seriously, we shredded the check at other party's request and are using this event as a prime excuse to caution all our readers who use online payment to double check everything before you hit the 'send' button on your computer.

Hopefully our readers don't need reminding that the coronavirus is still with us and now is not the time to cast aside the face mask, hand washing/sanitizing, social distancing, etc. There are even some experts who are projecting a world where all that will be the norm, on and on, forever and ever. Hopefully, they are wrong but remember the destroying of the twin towers in New York sure made a change in how security checks are done in airports. No one but Army doctors ever asked us to pull off our shoes until that happened! Fortunately airport security hasn't gone near as far into our privacy (yet) as those military doctors routinely did.

The City of Elba is launching a major upgrade of the sewer system in many parts of town. Bids have been let and work is expected to get underway in the next few weeks. Those of us who recall the disastrous sewer upgrade project of the system in the 1960's will probably shudder at the idea. Of course there will be interruptions as the work progresses but unless this contractor goes bankrupt, it will not be anywhere as confusing as that earlier project.

College costs have been ballooning for years. That is a given. However we were shocked recently when reading the actual cost per credit hour at our public universities. Yep, college loans are only going to get higher and higher.

Stay safe while using household cleaning/disinfectant products to fight COVID-19

According to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) survey conducted in May, about 1 in 3 adults used chemicals or disinfectants unsafely while attempting to protect their homes against the novel coronavirus COVID-19.

This follows reports from poison control centers since the pandemic began that some people have used harmful methods such as swallowing bleach in an attempt to kill the virus. According to the CDC, 25 percent of the people surveyed reported adverse health effects they attributed to unsafe cleaning, including nose, sinus, skin or eye irritation, dizziness, nausea and breathing problems.

The Alabama Department of Public Health advocates frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces as one important way to prevent the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Normal routine cleaning with soap and water will decrease the amount of the virus that is on surfaces and objects.

Disinfection using Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency-approved disinfectants against COVID-19 can also help reduce risk. When these are not available, however, CDC recommends that alternative disinfectants be used.

Examples include one-third cup of bleach added to 1 gallon of water, or 70 percent alcohol solutions. Follow this guidance about the safe preparation, use and storage of cleaners and disinfectants:

- Read and follow label instructions, such as keeping the surface wet for a specific amount of time.
- Wear protective gear such as gloves and eye protection when using some household cleaning products.
- Ensure adequate ventilation.
- Wash hands with soap and water after using cleaning products.
- Only use water at room temperature to make a diluted bleach solution.

- Keep all disinfectants out of the reach of children and pets.

NEVER

- Use bleach to wash fruits, vegetables or other food products.

- Spray, bathe in, or apply household cleaning and disinfectant products on skin.

- Inhale, gargle with, or ingest cleaners and disinfectants, including soapy water.

- Mix bleach solutions with vinegar or ammonia.

Mixing these chemicals can be deadly because it can generate gases that might result in severe lung tissue damage when inhaled. Frequent disinfection of household surfaces and objects touched by multiple people is important in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses in households.

Be sure to keep safety in mind to prevent adverse health effects. For more information, visit alabama-publichealth.gov.



This photo shows some of the spray paint damage the Unique Boutique building in downtown Elba suffered early Monday morning, June 15th. The suspect in this incident confessed Monday afternoon to police after he was apprehended for additional crimes.

VANDAL

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Elba Auto-Sav building.

However, on Tuesday morning, the owner of Unique Boutique said she had chosen not to press charges for her incident since it was no worse than it was with only the spray painting. Taking into consideration the other charges the suspect faces, she told The Elba Clipper staff that the suspect has confessed to spray painting her building, and she hoped he would learn a lesson [for his wrongdoings] from the other arrests.

Mathew Horace Jones, age 35, of Elba [his identification shows Opp, Ala., but authorities said he had been in the Elba area for a while now], was charged and arrested Monday afternoon

for the crimes at the old Pea River Timer building and the Coffee County Water Authority building.

Elba Police investigators said he is charged [for the Pea River Timer building incident] with burglary – third degree, criminal mischief – first degree, theft of property – fourth degree, and attempted arson – second degree; and [for the Coffee County Water Authority incident] with attempted burglary and criminal mischief – first degree. As of press time this week, Jones remained in the Coffee County Jail.

Investigators said additional charges are still possible to be brought against Jones as their investigation continues.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 9, and Monday, June 15, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Noise complaint at Tiger Town Apartments on Collier Circle (12:10 a.m.); Burglary reported at Tiger Town Apartments on Collier Circle (2:08 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 475 Smith Ave (9:00 a.m.); Harassment reported at 52 Sawyer St (9:16 a.m.); Trespassing reported at Recollections on Court Ave (10:36 a.m.); Man with a gun reported on Reynolds Ave (1:14 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Reynolds Ave (3:45 p.m.); Fight reported on Jackson Ave (8:09 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at Burger King on Claxton Ave (8:34 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops reported on this date, including six warnings and one citation.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 E (7:15 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 1285 Ann St (2:37 p.m.). There were no traffic stops reported on this date.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Suspicious circumstances reported at 2154 Taylor Mill Rd (10:31 a.m.); Assault reported on Reese Ave (11:32 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported on Neil Grantham Dr (1:13 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 203 (2:42 p.m.). There were eight traffic stops reported on this date, including five warnings and three citations.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Harassment reported at 315 Sawyer St (9:24 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1115 Simmons St (3:39 p.m.); Harassment reported at 940 Carver Dr (5:29 p.m.); Fight reported at 431 Dave St E (7:41 p.m.); Stabbing/cutting reported at 431 Davis St E (9:33 p.m.). There were five traffic stops reported on this date, including one arrest, and four

warnings.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Trespassing reported at 315 Sawyer St (7:56 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Davis St and Polka St (8:47 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at the Elba Laundromat on Davis St W (10:01 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 14399 Hwy 84 and an arrest was made (11:15 p.m.). There were nine traffic stops reported on this date, including five warnings, two citations, and two no action taken.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Suspicious circumstances reported at 1536 Edgewood Dr (10:30 p.m.). There were seven traffic stops reported on this date, including one arrest, four warnings, and two citations.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

Suspicious circumstances reported at Coffee County Water Authority on Davis St (5:10 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 645 Davis St (9:26 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at Unique Boutique on Buford St (11:28 a.m.); Trespassing reported at 610 Troy Hwy (11:55 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 866 Cedar Lane Dr (12:43 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (2:27 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 120 Old Samson Rd with an arrest made (2:37 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at the Inland store on Davis St (2:56 p.m.); Harassment reported on Old Samson Rd (3:30 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 887 Cedar Lane Dr (7:47 p.m.). There was one traffic stop reported on this date with advise given.



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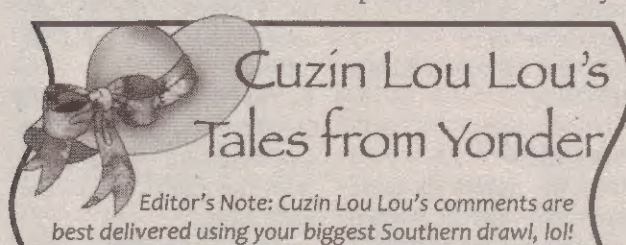
CCBOE employee receives special award...

The Coffee County Board of Education presented the first John Overstreet Above and Beyond Excellence Award last week to Heatherly Smith (shown to the right). She was one of four school system employees nominated for the award. Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth said Smith is deserving of this award because she "exemplifies the spirit of which the award was intended."



Area Happenings

THE JUNE 2020 MEETING FOR THE DAY WIREGRASS CHAPTER 99, located in New Brockton, Ala., will be held Thursday, June 25, at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the New Brockton Town Park, located at 202 S. John's Street. Those attending are urged to bring an outdoor chair.



Cuzin Lou Lou was Somewhere Over Yonder earlier this week when she learned of some unnecessary acts of meanness that plagued her sweet hometown.

Seems some person [let's call said person, Yahoo] decided to go on the war path and be destructive. And, these mean acts had no real rhyme or reason to them. It just appeared Yahoo wanted to cause trouble!

"What in the world is wrong with people these days?" Lou Lou questioned.

A sweet business neighbor got Lou Lou's attention early Monday morning, and showed her some random spray painting on the sweet neighbor's building. Later the same morning, Lou Lou learns of damage done to a building where Papa spends a good portion of his time each week.

Sweet neighbor was confused as to why someone would do that to her building. Lou Lou shared her confusion because sweet neighbor is a kind soul that tries to be friendly to all.

The second incident caused Papa to be a bit hot under the collar because Yahoo created a lot of extra work for Papa. He did not feel kindly towards Yahoo for his act of meanness.

With no rhyme or reason to these random acts of meanness, Lou Lou was concerned that Yahoo would get away with the destruction. But, Yahoo apparently did not expect citizens and police to work well together and jump on his path sooner rather than later.

Less than 12 hours after said crimes in Lou Lou's sweet hometown, the local police had Yahoo in custody and charged with some of his crimes.

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myself lucky. I consider myself blessed."

A 1978 graduate of Kinston School, Hataway was hired as a clerk receptionist for the board of education office in September 1979. She said she worked at that position for several years before moving up to be the superintendent's secretary.

"I've worked with a lot of wonderful superintendents," Hataway said.

While they all had their own individual strategies and personalities, the one thing she said each of the eight superintendents she has worked with had in common was getting the job done as best as they could to benefit the school system. Also, she said each and every boss she had always let her know, as things came up in life, that family comes first and she could always do what she needed to do to put her family first.

"Again, to have that many bosses over my career that all have been so understanding, it has just been a blessing," Hataway said.

Kendra Thomas, the former bookkeeper/secretary at New Brockton Elementary School, was hired to be Hataway's replacement as the superintendent's secretary. The two have spent a good deal of time together recently for training, and Hataway said she feels good about her replacement.

"When you have a love for the job like I have had for mine, you sort of take ownership of it," Hataway said. "I feel like Kendra is going to love it like I do. I think she will do a very good job here."

Once June 30th comes and goes — Hataway's official last day as the superintendent's secretary — there are no worries that she will just disappear. She said she already has let Killingsworth know that she is willing to help out on a part-time basis still, if something were to come up. Therefore, chances are pretty good that she will still be seen moving around in the office beyond this month!

Hataway said she is taking lots of great memories home with her. She plans to still see and do things with her friends from the office. And, she plans to spend more time with her family enjoying them as much as possible too.

MICHAEL CRUZ JOHNSON

Mr. Michael Cruz Johnson, age 29, of Newville, Ala., died Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at his home in Newville. Graveside services were held June 13, 2020 from New Home Cemetery with Rev. Shaun Moore officiating.

Survivors include his father: Michael Wayne Johnson, Elba, Ala.; mother: Tracy Johnson, Elba; wife: Jessica Leoria Walters, son: Damian Cruz Johnson, and daughter: Kayleigh Darlene Johnson, all of Newville; brothers: Cole (Ashley) Moore, Kinston, Ala., Elwood (Brandie) Johnson, and Alan (Amanda) Johnson, all of Elba; sisters: Stephanie Johnson (Robert), Elba, Tonya Johnson (Tim), Leesburg, Ga., and Marika (Adam) Ward, Kinston.

SHERRIE ROGERS

Mrs. Sherrie Rogers, age 61, died Monday, June 1, 2020, at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

She was born March 10, 1959 to Alice and the late James Paul Musgrove Sr. in Elba, Ala.

Graveside services were held June 11, 2020 at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Elba with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Sherrie was preceded in death by her father James Paul Musgrove Sr.; sisters, Merlene and Denise Musgrove; and grandson, Donta Jaquan Rogers.

Survivors include her mother: Alice G. Musgrove, Elba; her sons: Spencer "Tony" (Veronica) and Demetris (Amanda) Musgrove, Elba; daughters: Gloria Jean Musgrove (Ricky), Ereka Hill (Jemone), Carolyn (Derek), Sankora (Lenard), and Alexis Rogers, Opp, Ala.; stepchildren: Antwan (Ashley) and Karizma Foster, Andalusia, Ala., Anthony Foster, Luverne, Ala.; a very special and devoted friend: Anthony Foster, Brantley, Ala.; sisters: Carolyn Lawrence (John), Elba, Delisa Freney (Albert), Dozier, Ala., and Sybil Pouncey, Enterprise, Ala.; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; along with five aunts, two uncles, four nieces, five nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

DESMOINES GRANT

Mrs. DesMoines Grant, age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, June 11, 2020, at Medical Center Enterprise in Enterprise, Ala.

Graveside services were held June 15, 2020 from the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba with Rev. Leon Fortune officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the services.

Mrs. Grant was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie Wayne Grant; father, Marvin Malcom Smith; mother, Mary Elizabeth Macon Smith; along with two sons, two daughters, brothers and sisters.

Survivors include her daughter: Lynn (James) Parks, Elba; grandson: LoWayne (Samantha) Parks, Elba; great-granddaughters: Kelcey Nicole Parks, and Payton Brooke Parks, both of Elba; great-grandson: Brodie Lane Parks, Elba; and a sister: Frances Dianne Grayson, Gantt, Ala.

ARTELMA FILLINGIM

Mrs. Artelma Fillingim, age 96, of Jack, Ala., died Saturday, June 13, 2020.

A graveside service was held at New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery in Jack with Rev. Mack King and Rev. Averyt Walker officiating and Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

Artelma was born March 15, 1924 to the late Daniel and Bonnie Whitehead. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ed Fillingim; brothers, Ed and Ar-

thur Lee Whitehead; and one sister, Annie Bell Teague.

Survivors include her daughters: Judy Killingsworth Dismukes (Bill), Janet Bass (Ronnie) and Diane Smith (Wayne) all of Elba, Ala.; son: Ted Fillingim (Melissa), Jack; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

BILLY MAURICE DRIGGERS

Mr. Billy Maurice Driggers, age 45, a former resident of Elba, Ala., died unexpectedly Saturday, June 6, 2020, in Richmond, Va.

Private graveside services were held June 11, 2020 at the Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery with his uncle Rev. Harry Driggers officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Billy attended Elba City Schools, and after graduation, pursued a career in law enforcement where he excelled through the ranks eventually becoming Chief of Police.

Survivors include his sons: Billy Maurice Driggers II, Enterprise, Ala., Alex Driggers and Jayden Marshall Driggers both of Ozark, Ala.; his father: Billy Dennis (JoAnn) Driggers, Elba; mother: Mary Pelletier, Richmond, Va.; sisters: Sondra Driggers Baxley, Enterprise, and Genevieve (Chris) Daniel, Richmond; along with a special niece: Samatha Lee, Phenix City, Ala., and special nephew: Shane Burke, Mobile, Ala.

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It is sometimes said that the saddest thing in the world is when a parent outlives their children. This may be true, but it can nevertheless be devastating for kids to lose their mom or dad, especially when it happens at a young age.

One way to help children who have experienced the loss of a parent is to provide them with continuity. Death can seem world-ending, so show the child that many things will carry on as normal—including school, friendship, and other activities.

Kids who have lost a parent will often want to share their story, and the best way to help them is to listen. Children may also have tough questions about death. Challenging though it may be, it's important to answer directly and without euphemism. Telling them that their mom or dad has "gone to sleep" or has simply "left us" may be confusing. Also note that kids will always set the pace for how they process grief, and it's important not to push them; if it seems like they are not yet ready to talk, just give them some time.

One important thing to do for a child who is grieving is to help them remember. You can provide a child with photos or mementos with which they can remember their deceased mom or dad. Also be willing to share memories and to talk about their parent with fondness and affection.

Finally, note that the loss of a parent can be truly scary, and children will want to be reassured. Be open with them about who will look after them going forward, and make sure they feel secure about their own health and wellbeing.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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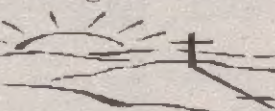
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CHURCH NEWS

Over 14,000 jars of peanut butter donated to Alabama Food Bank Association

Alabama's three Farm Credit lending associations recently donated 14,400 jars of peanut butter to food banks across the state, with assistance from the Alabama Peanut Producers Association (APPA).

APPA said this assists eight regional food banks with feeding their communities.

Peanut butter is one of the most requested items by food banks. This household staple is loaded with protein and nutrients, is shelf-stable and versatile, and does not require refrigeration. Alabama peanut growers take pride in growing a crop that provides so much to those who need it.

The lending associations involved in this donation included Alabama Ag Credit, Alabama Farm Credit, and First South Farm Credit. Together, they donated \$15,000 to purchase ten pallets of peanut butter for the



Pictured left to right: Jacob Davis, Executive Director, AL Peanut Producers Assoc; Karri Sumrall, CFO, Alabama Farm Credit; John Sport, Business Development, First South Farm Credit; Rich Deem, CEO, Montgomery Area Food Bank; Doug Thiessen, CEO, Alabama Ag Credit; Carl Sanders, Peanut Farmer, APPA President, Alabama Ag Credit board vice-chairman.

Alabama Food Bank Association, a statewide network of food banks. The APPA helped coordinate the donation and delivery.

"Alabama peanut farmers are especially grateful to grow a crop that is so wholesome and nutritious," said APPA President Carl Sanders, a peanut farmer from Coffee County. "Peanut butter is filled with pro-

tein and essential nutrients, not to mention is shelf-stable, versatile and does not require refrigeration. Those qualities make peanut butter one of the most requested items at food banks."

The peanut butter is provided by Peanut Proud Inc., a nonprofit industry organization dedicated to humanitarian efforts. "Spreading Good" is the National Peanut Board's initiative to share the love of America's favorite and most consumed nut — peanuts — and to pass along that joy to local communities.

"This donation from the three Farm Credit's here in Alabama has helped us further share this wholesome and nutritious crop

with our neighbors around the state who need it most right now," Sanders said. "Our local farmers and those across the country who are still farming through this pandemic are critical so that we have the opportunity to provide this food."

Jacob Davis, APPA executive director, and Sanders were present for the delivery of the peanut butter at the Montgomery Area Food Bank.

Alabama is home to about 900 peanut farmers, and approximately half of the peanuts produced in the U.S. are grown within 100 miles of Dothan. For more information, visit alpeanuts.com.

Deadline to register to vote in July's Primary Run-Off Election is June 29th

Monday, June 29, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election.

The Board of Registrars' office is located in the Coffee County Complex, New Brockton, Ala. Requirements to register to vote are:

1. Person must be 18 years of age and a United States citizen; and
2. Person must live at the address provided on the application to register; and
3. Person must not be barred from voting by reason of felony conviction; and
4. Person must not have been adjudged "mentally incompetent" in a court of

law.

Voters who want to update their voting information to reflect a change in name or address should contact the Board of Registrars. The telephone number for the Board of Registrars is 334-894-5347.

For further information contact: Coffee County Board of Registrars, 1065 East McKinnon Street, 6 County Complex, New Brockton, AL To register to vote online, please visit alabamavotes.gov/vote. One can also obtain a voter registration application at Driver License Offices, Libraries, and at Alabama Public Assistance offices such as Medicaid, WIC and DHR.

Round and About with Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The way of the righteous and the End of the ungodly. Psalms 1: 1-6

Thinking of You. Praying for You.

Johnny Earl Kelley; Bernice Culver, Shirley Coleman, Rosemary Edwards, Min. Robert Edwards, Lydia M. Kelley, Myron K. Duncan, Latonya Foster, Verlin (Cookie) Whitfield, Tommie Mae Faison Davis

June Birthdays / Anniversaries

Richreana Singletary 6/13
Patti Williams Culver 6/14
Rev. F.L. Flowers 6/15
Jasmaine Henderson 6/15
TyTiana Carpenter 6/16
Dr. Brian A. Blue 6/16
Tracie D. Faison 6/17
David Carpenter 6/17
Mason Gully 6/18
Kendra Kyles 6/19
Jerry Culver 6/19
Steve and Sharon Williams 6/19 (W.A.)

** Promises

When we were kids there were time when we wanted to ensure that we were telling the truth or that a promise made was guaranteed to be kept. In times like those, we might have said, "cross my heart and hope to die." This was supposed to mean that statements made were gospel and the promise made was inviolate. We outgrew those times. When we began to study God's Word, we discovered that we were not supposed to do that anyway. Our word was to be our bond, not an oath upon some outside entity.

In this passage of scripture, Jesus speaks of a new covenant He is making with people. He makes the covenant then seals it with His Life.

In His covenant we have promises. All who believe in Jesus have the promise of eternal life (John 3:16). Disciples of Jesus have the promise that wherever we go in His name, He is al-

ways with us (Matthew 28:20). We have the promise from Jesus that He is preparing a place for us to live forever with Him in heaven and one day He will return to bring us to that place (John 14: 1-4). Those are just a few of His promises.

The New Testament is filled with promises that we have through the new covenant Jesus established. We have promises that serve to make our lives richer, fuller, more meaningful and rewarding. Won't you accept His promises with a promise of your own? Follow Jesus.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 6/11/2020

Q: Jesus said that all things written in the law of Moses, the Prophets, the Psalms concerning Him must be fulfilled?

A: True! Luke 24: 44

Q: On the day Jesus was crucified there was darkness from the sixth hour to the ninth hour.

A: True! Luke 23:44

Thought to Remember Shout to the Lord

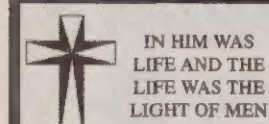
Questions for the Week of 6/18/2020 Multiple Choice

Q: Who wanted to sift Simon Peter like wheat? (Pilate), (Satan), or (Zachariah)

Q: Paul gave an account of his heavenly vision to what king? (Agrippa), (Herod the Great), or (Augustus)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church News is Due on Mondays



IN HIM WAS
LIFE AND THE
LIFE WAS THE
LIGHT OF MEN

**ABOUNDING GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE
CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Sam Self, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:30 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Greg Cotter, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Tom Senn, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH
Robert Davis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METH-
ODIST**
Rev. Remona Smith
Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE
CHURCH**
Larry Mills, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship . . . 9:45 a.m.
Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) . . . 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH
Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH
Dale Morgan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH
Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phillip Box, Minister
Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
David Noble, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD
OF PROPHECY**
H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE
TABERNACLE**
Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Dwight Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH
Tom Anderson, Interim Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHOD-
IST CHURCH**
Steve Reneau, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH
Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Church Directory

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL
COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Phillip Adeock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD -
KINSTON**
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS
CHURCH**
Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE
EVANGELIST CHURCH.**
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry
Sat. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sun. Service . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

**GREATER NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH**
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC
CHURCH**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF
GOD**
Shirley Ellis, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH
Mark Cooper, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting . . . 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH
Garry Vinsstead, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Matthew Morris, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service . . . 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH
Ben Posey, Pastor
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH
Derrick Stinson, Pastor
Saturday Service . . . 9:45 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Youth Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF
CHRIST**
Greg Hanchey, Minister
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH
Charles Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
J. R. Parks, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH
Olan Strickland, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Kevin Byrd, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY
OF GOD**
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.
Linda Williams, Pastor
Sunday . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Even . . . 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH
OF GOD IN CHRIST -
ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Will Jordan, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METH-
ODIST**
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Brad Sasser, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH
Lanny Shepard, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.
Youth Ser. Mon. . . 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fri Missionary Ser. . . 7:00 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA
CHURCH OF GOD IN
CHRIST**
Loreat Flowers, Minister
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH

Julian Mitchell, Pastor
1st - 4th Sun. Morn.
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
Lee Jones, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD
OF GOD IN CHRIST -
ENTERPRISE**
W. K. Ellison, Pastor
Morning Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.
Friday Evening . . . 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE AS-
SEMBLY OF GOD - SAM-
SON**
Terry McCrummen, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Worship . . . 7:00 p.m.

**PRATHE & GLORY
WORSHIP CENTER**
Roy L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B.
CHURCH**
A. K. Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE AME
CHURCH**
James Boots, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL
COMMUNITY BAPTIST
CHURCH**
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST**
Pastor Bishop E.H. Hall
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.<

LIFESTYLES



Donna Smith, Patsy Stephens, Cathy Odom, Georgia Fleming, Pat Richter, Donna Clark

Local UDC members attend district meeting in Dothan

Members of the Gen. Edmond Winchester Rucker Chapter 2534, United Daughters of the Confederacy® ("UDC"), of Enterprise recently attended the General Henry D. Clayton District meeting.

The meeting was hosted by the General William C. Oates 1342 of Dothan and was held at the Sterling Event Services Building. The Clayton District consists of five Chapters: Thomas Randolph Thomasson 2471, Andalusia; General William C. Oates 1342, Dothan; Captain Stouten Hubert Dent 2669, Eufaula; Stonewall Jackson 667, Ozark; as well as the Rucker Chapter in Enterprise.

The meeting was held Saturday, Feb. 29, with registration and fellowship beginning at 10 a.m. Light refreshments were served as members enjoyed renewing old friendships and meeting new members from other Chapters.

Donna Clark, district director and member of the Rucker Chapter of Enterprise, presided over the meeting. Other Clayton District officers are: Co-Director Pat Richter; Secretary Tammie Evans of Andalusia; Chaplain Helen Crowe of Eufaula, and Parliamentarian Sarah Fowler of Dothan. Special guests for the meeting included Division Vice President Faye McWhorter, Division Second Vice President Laura Womack-Rowell and Division Historian Cyndi Himes.

The meeting began with the invocation by Chaplain Helen Crowe followed by salutes and pledge to the flags. Linda Paramore of the Dent Chapter led the salute to the Christian flag; Linda Castleberry of the Thomasson Chapter led the pledge to the Flag of the United States of America; the salute to the Alabama flag was led by Barbara Peters of the Oates Chapter and the salute to the Confederate flag was led by Adrian Petrie member of the Oates Chapter. Songs were led by

Rucker Chapter member, Georgia Fleming. The opening ritual was conducted by Clark and Crowe.

Members and guests were welcomed by Mary Ellen Sanders president of the host Chapter. Response to the welcome was given by Patsy Stephens of the Rucker Chapter.

Director Clark announced award certificates received by the Clayton District at the 2019 Division Convention: Jean Conniff Roberts Trophy for the District sending in the Second-Best Report for work accomplished 2018-2019; Idyl King Sorsby Trophy; through whose influence statewide interest in Alabama Day has been most fittingly observed; and Mollie Hollifield Jones Award: District selling the most insignia on a percentage basis.

Business for the day consisted of reports from each Chapter President; giving information about their activities since the last District meeting in February 2019. Chapter Presidents presenting reports were: Linda Castleberry, Thomasson Chapter; Mary Ellen Sanders, Oates Chapter; Georgia Fleming, Rucker Chapter; Mary Williams, Dent Chapter and in the absence of Martha Smith, Stonewall Jackson Chapter, recording Secretary Tammie Evans read the report from that chapter. All Chapters have been very busy with many historical, patriotic, benevolent, memorial and educational activities fulfilling the five objectives of the UDC.

The Credentials report was given by Sonja Jernigan of the Oates chapter. The Thomas Randolph Thomasson 2471 Chapter of Andalusia was presented with the Caroline Dent McDowell Memorial Gavel for the greatest attendance on a percentage basis.

Director Clark appointed a bylaws committee to review the current bylaws and make recommendations for change at the 2021 District meeting. The members of

the committee are Tammie Evans, chairman and members Helen Crowe and Barbara Peters.

Other business included the report from the Nominating Committee Chair Pat Richter. A list of District officers for 2020-2022 was named, they are: District Director Georgia Fleming, Co-Director Pat Richter, Secretary Mary Williams and Chaplain Adrian Petrie. The assembly voted to elect the list; Georgia Fleming appointed Linda Paramore as parliamentarian. Officers were installed by Alabama Division Vice President Faye McWhorter.

Mary Ellen Sanders introduced Chief Curator of the Alabama Department of Archives Ryan Blocker. Blocker gave an outstanding slide presentation on Confederate flags conserved and housed at ADAH.

Chaplain Crowe then petitioned for grace and a superb lunch was enjoyed by all, including a beautifully displayed assortment of cookies and cakes.

Donations were collected for the Alabama Division President's Project, which is the conservation of Joe Wheeler's Confederate uniform jacket. The assembly collected a total of \$348.92, plus \$183.76 collected and donated by the fourth grade Alabama history class at Straughn Elementary School in Andalusia.

Chaplain Helen Crowe held a Memorial Service for members of the District who had passed away since the February 2019 District meeting: Lavinia Helms, Fay Bardolf and Jeanette Moats of the Rucker Chapter; Patricia Derek of the Oates chapter; Mary Mercedes Burt of the Dent Chapter and Amanda Slocomb of the Stonewall Jackson chapter.

Georgia Fleming invited members and guests to the 2021 Clayton District meeting to be held in Enterprise. The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".



THE NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1962 MET March 7, 2020 at Po Folks restaurant in Enterprise for its annual reunion. There were 10 class members in attendance as well as spouses and friends. The class meets each year on the first Saturday in March to share high school memories, renew friendships and share information about children, grandchildren and life since graduation. The class was fortunate this year that it had not lost any class members or spouses; from a class of 24, there remains 21 classmates. The class members in attendance voted to donate \$100 from the class Memorial Fund to help with the golf tournament sponsored by the Olen D. Roberson Foundation as a fundraiser for scholarships. The class has donated money several times to help with the scholarship program of the foundation. A great time was enjoyed by all in attendance for this year's reunion. Classmates pictured above include: (seated) Jeaneria Stone Parker, Donna Pittman Clark, Judy Fillingim Killingsworth Dismukes, Sue Watson Anderson; (standing) Leon Strickland, Joe Maddox, DeVon Smith, Oree Hornsby, Jackie Helms, Earl Adkison

Locals named to Vice President's List at Northeast Mississippi Community College

Four hundred and sixty-five (465) students in Northeast Mississippi Community College, Booneville, Miss., achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5-3.9 on a 4.0 scale for the 2020 spring semester and as a result, have been named to the college's distinguished Vice President's List.

Included in the list are representatives from 77 different cities, towns and communities across the United States of America - 446 Vice-President's List scholars are from Mississippi, 15 hail from Tennessee and four are from Alabama.

Overall, 761 individuals were either named to the President's List or the Vice President's List at Northeast for the 2020 Spring semester.

Students from the local area who earned inclusion on the 2020 Spring Vice President's List at Northeast Mississippi Community College included: Jackson Taylor Kilcrease, of Brantley, Ala., and James Dylan Moulton of Elba, Ala.



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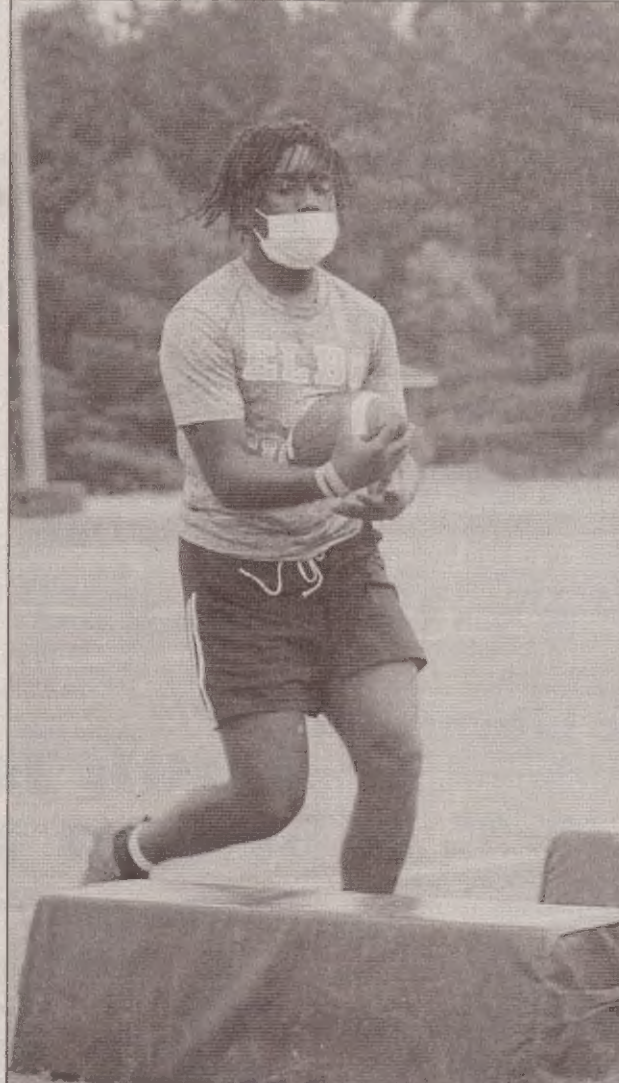
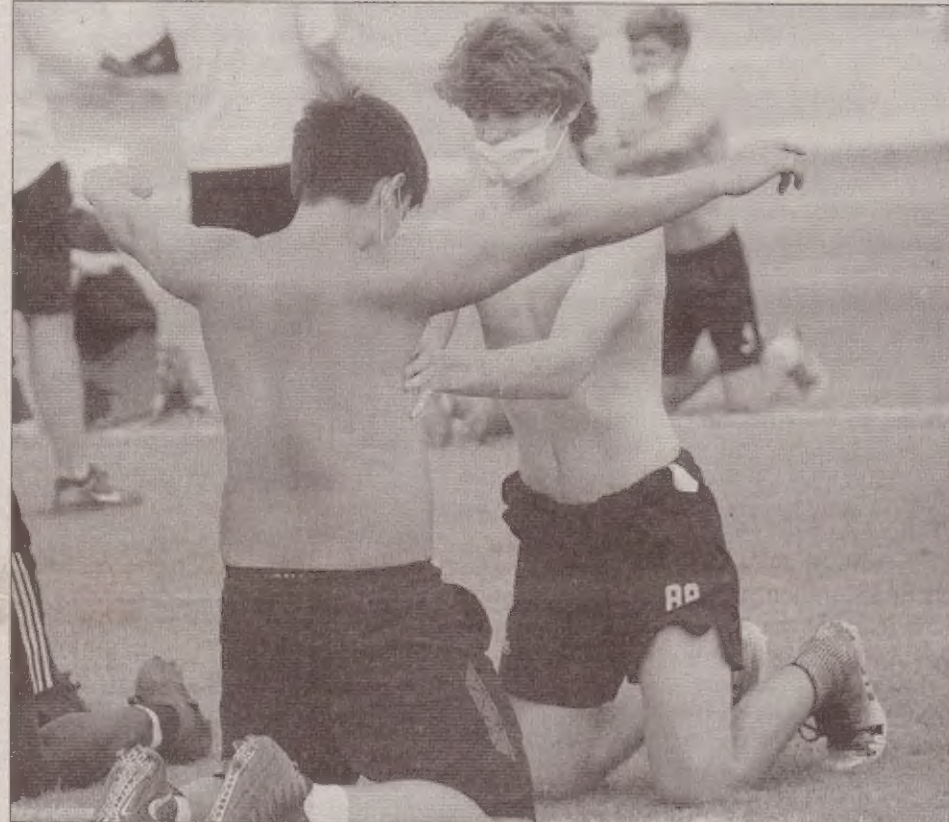
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Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our grandson Lawson and his Mom made an afternoon trip to the beach one day last week and judging from the photos I saw they both had a great time paying in the water and soaking in the rays. Now that summer volleyball workouts have begun the trips may be fewer and more far between, but you can bet they will head to the gulf waters whenever they get the chance. Hey, maybe I should go along!

For what it is worth....

*** High schools all across the state are busy at work conditioning and working on the basics of the game in all sports, and the recent dry weather is just what the doctor ordered for the football coaches. Elba has had a big number of players working hard four days a week under the guidance of new head coach Marc Sieving and his staff, while reports from the other camps indicate everything is back as close to normal as it can get as teams start working toward the season opener in late August.

*** Troy University has announced it will travel to Iowa in 2024 to battle the Hawkeyes of the Big 10. The Trojans struggled last season and failed to post a winning record, but continue to play any team that will put its name on the dotted line and future schedules include (2020) North Carolina State and Tennessee; (2021) South Carolina; (2022) Army and Ole Miss; (2023) Army and Kansas; (2024) Iowa, Southern Miss and Memphis; (2025) Clemson; and, (2026) Mississippi State. Troy also announced that its homecoming opponent this season this season would be Georgia State and would be held on Oct. 24. The game will close out a three game homestand for the Trojans and will be the next to last home game of the season. Troy is 3-0 all-time at home against Georgia State and won its last four homecoming games.

*** Alabama announced it had signed a three-year deal to play the University of South Alabama in basketball over the next three seasons. The game will be played in Tuscaloosa the first and last year of the contract, with a trip to Mobile in-between. The Tide is 2-1 all-time against the Jaguars and last meet in 2010. South Alabama now has both Alabama and Auburn on its 2020-2021 schedule and since 1976 has played 12 of the 14 teams in the SEC.

*** It looks like Major League Baseball owners and players will never agree to a contract, even if the season does start in early-July, as promised by the commissioner. The big hang up, of course, is money and the prorated salaries of the players due to the shortened schedule and a lack of fans. In the latest proposal by the owners Atlanta's Freddie Freeman would have his annual salary cut from \$22 million to \$8 million, which would come out to a measly \$105,000 per game. The Braves total payroll would be cut from \$149 million to just over \$52 million, with the biggest salaries being cut including Cole Hamels, from \$18 million to \$6.3 million; Marcell Ozuna, from \$18 million to \$6.3 million; Mark Melancon, from \$14 million to \$4.9 million; and, Will Smith, from \$13 million to \$4.6 million. If Hamels pitches every fifth day, as expected, his prorated salary would pay him only \$450,000 per start. I know it's a case of the billionaire owners versus the millionaire players, but it is kind of hard to feel sorry for either side.

*** In closing.... I watched the NASCAR truck race Saturday night and for the life of me didn't recognize any of the vehicles racing around the track as trucks. I know they all had emblems on the front and vehicle identification on the sides, but they weren't the kind of trucks we see on the dirt roads in south Alabama. I guess that doesn't really matter since the cars I see on NASCAR racing around at 200 mph aren't exactly the kind I see going around the by-pass.

SPORTS NEWS



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Brantley dominates 'Terrific 20'

The website AL.com last week honored some of the state's top high school baseball and softball players by publishing its list of the 'Terrific 20' in all seven classifications in both sports in the AHSAA and AISA.

The players were nominated by coaches across the state as well as members of the AL.com staff, and selected in the merit of their skills displayed during the shortened 2020 season.

Brantley High School dominated both the softball and baseball lists as it had three players named to both

squads.

In softball, Lady Bulldogs named to the 1A team included Emory Bush, a senior, centerfielder; Kayden Dunn, a sophomore, catcher and first baseman; and, Lauren Hudson, a junior, pitcher.

Other area players selected included (Class 6A) KJ Braswell, senior, second base, Dothan; Jaala Torrence, senior, pitcher, Dothan; (Class 5A) Stephanie Schoonover, senior, pitcher/outfielder, Rehobeth; (Class 3A) Ashton White, sophomore, infielder, Wicksburg; (Class

2A) Morgan Ferguson, junior, pitcher, G.W. Long; Abby Land, senior, pitcher/shortstop/third base, Geneva County; Makenna Long, sophomore, catcher, G.W. Long; Robin Timlon, senior, shortstop, Ariton.

In baseball, Bulldogs named to the statewide squad included Tucker Kilcrease, a sophomore, shortstop; Lucas Richardson, a senior, shortstop/second baseman; and, Samuel Tompkins, a senior, pitcher.

Other area players selected included (Class 4A) Jake Killingsworth, junior,

catcher, Headland; Chance Russell, senior, shortstop, Andalusia; (Class 3A) Carson Brannon, senior, pitcher/shortstop, Wicksburg; Kade Snell, senior, pitcher/rightfielder/first base, Wicksburg; (Class 2A) Jackson Blair, senior, outfielder, Ariton; Parker Collier, senior, pitcher, G.W. Long; Maddux Herring, senior, pitcher/outfielder, Ariton; JT Hoffman, senior, shortstop, Highland Home; Caison Long, senior, pitcher, G.W. Long; Jackson Miller, senior, first base/pitcher, Luverne.



LUCAS RICHARDSON



TUCKER KILCREASE



SAMUEL TOMPKINS

Joe Wheeler State Park now has 'awesome trail'

By DAVID RAINER

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Those who love to explore nature have another opportunity with the opening of the new trail at Joe Wheeler State Park in northwest Alabama. The name of the new 8-mile pathway is the Awesome Trail, literally.

Ken Thomas, Alabama State Parks Trails Coordinator, said naming the trail resulted from a conversation he had with Chad Davis, State Parks' Northwest District Supervisor.

Thomas said the Awesome Trail was constructed through a Recreational Trails Program (RTP) grant with accessibility for a variety of

users in mind.

"We tried to create a trail that could be used by walkers, hikers, mountain bikers and trail runners," Thomas said. "The biggest consideration for making it compatible for everybody is that it had to be wide enough to support all of those folks. These type trails are wider than most trails people are used to. This allows people to walk side by side, and it has enough room that a biker or jogger could still pass."

"The terrain was very surprising," he said. "It's a whole lot steeper than people realize. Joe Wheeler had minimal trails. When I started tracking it and figuring out where we were going

to put the trail, we ran across several challenges. The terrain going into the Tennessee River and First Creek is a lot steeper than we realized. We had to do a lot of bench cutting, kind of carve the trail out of the terrain to create a level trail bed.

"We dealt with some wet areas where we had to pick the best route to maintain the environment. We also found a tremendous number of ravines."

"We wound up installing 16 bridges," he said. "Seven of the bridges were 20 feet long and two were 30-foot bridges. That was a challenge. We were only able to keep three fords and still keep the environmental inte-

grity of the stream."

The trail at Joe Wheeler was finished in the middle of April after months of having to deal with the heavy rainfall that kept most of central and north Alabama waterlogged. The new Awesome Trail has received rave reviews since it opened.

Thomas said the actual construction of trails has advanced dramatically in the past decade. In fact, he was able to become the first trail builder in the state to receive his HETAP (Highly Efficient Trail Assessment Process) certification.

Thomas said the HETAP summary allows the user to decide which trail is best for them.

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Kinston 10U teams plays first home game Monday night, June 15, and claims 11-10 win over Opp team

Story and photos by Linda Hodge, Editor

Competitions for youth athletic activities resumed Monday, June 15, allowable by the safer at home safety guidelines underway from the Alabama Department of Public Health due to COVID-19, and that meant play ball was heard in Kinston.

Many local rec leagues decided early this month to call the seasons for youth baseball and softball due to COVID-19 and the safety requirement implemented to try and prevent the spread of the virus at events. However, some towns chose to put together travel teams to allow their participating youngsters and opportunity to still play. In Kinston, a 10U team was put together. After

a few weeks of practice along with a couple of games played in Florida, the local youngsters took to their own field Monday night for a game against a team from just down the road in Opp.

It was a 6-inning contest with the Kinston Bulldogs holding off a late rally by the Opp team to secure the 11-10 win. This brings the Kinston team's record to 3-1 on the short season. The previously won two games and lost one to the 10U team in Paxton, Florida.

Following Monday night's game, the Kinston team had a few more upcoming contests scheduled with Paxton and Opp before hanging up the bats and gloves for the 2020 season.



Kinston pitcher Jackson Cowen readies to throw a strike during the late-innings of Monday night's game against the Opp 10U team.



Kinston third baseman Evan Hilburn applies a tag to the Opp runner. The player was called safe on this close call.



Kinston pitcher JD Weeks covers the plate after a pitch got away from his catcher. Weeks threw 30 pitches in the Kinston win with 20 of those being strikes.



Kinston's Ryan Blair takes a good swing during the 11-10 win over Opp. Blair had a good night at the plate.



Kinston's Tristan Kilpatrick takes chase for an errant throw to first base. The Opp runner was safe at first on this play.

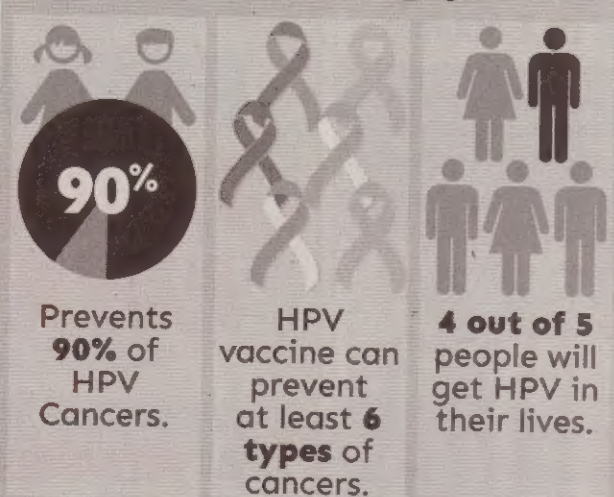


While his brother was playing baseball on the field, Shaw Martin Cowen enjoyed a little bike riding at the park Monday night!



Kinston's Rylen Hawthorne gets a fist bump from third base coach Clint Cowen during Monday night's game.

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